

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN SCOTT MENDENHALL**, on January 19, 2005
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bernie Olson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 164, 1/11/2005; HB 301,
1/11/2005; HB 187, 1/11/2005
Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 164

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. WALTER MCNUTT (R), HD 37,
opened the hearing on **HB 164**, Revise Lewis and Clark bicentennial
commission laws.

00:03:11

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:50 Homer Staves, State Bicentennial Commission

00:12:26 Arnie Olson, Montana Historical Society

EXHIBIT(trh14a01)

00:15:37 Hal Stearns, Educator & Historian

00:18:15 Gary Amestoy, Richland Economic Corporation

00:19:29 Amy Gramoljez, Montana Tourism Coalition

00:21:19 Amy Sullivan, Montana History Foundation

00:21:57 Richard Alberts, Lewis & Clark Trail Commission

00:24:54 John Cronholm, Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage

00:26:03 Clint Blackwood, Lewis & Clark Bicentennial
Commission

EXHIBIT(trh14a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:58

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:32

HEARING ON HB 301

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. KATHLEEN GALVIN-HALCRO (D), HD
26, opened the hearing on **HB 301**, Revise use of Lewis & Clark
license plate funds.

00:37:08

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:04 Loren Flynn, Traveler's Rest Preservation
Association

EXHIBIT(trh14a03)

00:43:56 Jeffrey Dietz, Yellowstone Bicentennial Commission

EXHIBIT(trh14a04)

00:47:06 Jay Russell, Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

EXHIBIT(trh14a05)

00:50:24 Phyllis Friesz, Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

00:51:17 Stephanie Ambrose Tubbs, Lewis & Clark
Interpretive Center

[EXHIBIT\(trh14a06\)](#)

00:53:56 Art Neill, Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

[EXHIBIT\(trh14a07\)](#)

00:55:19 Rhonda Carpenter Wiggers, Great Falls Chamber of
Commerce

00:56:49 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner

00:58:41 Dan Krum, Pompeys Pillar Historical Association

00:59:17 Steven Kubick, Great Falls

Opponents' Testimony:

01:00:20 Richard Alberts, Lewis & Clark County Bicentennial
Commission

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:29

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:40

HEARING ON HB 187

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BOB BERGREN (D), HD 33, opened
the hearing on HB 187, Expand old forts trail.

01:16:25

[EXHIBIT\(trh14a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:58 Arnie Olson, Montana Historical Society

[EXHIBIT\(trh14a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:21:31 John Blacker, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:58

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:41

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

SM/KK

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh14aad0.PDF](#))